

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SENV, UR, US  
SUBJECT: POLAR BEAR RECOVERY OF POLAR BEAR RADIO COLLAR

REFS: (A) 77 MOSCOW 18209, (B) 77 STATE 261944

1. ON JANUARY 14 KAZAKOV GAVE SCICOUNS COPY OF  
COMMERCIAL CABLE WHICH SEROECHOVSKIY SENT TO SKOOG  
ON DECEMBER 21. TELEGRAM FOLLOWS PARA 2.
2. YOUR TELEGRAM OCTOBER 11 WAS TRANSMITTED THROUGH  
AMERICAN EMBASSY. LONG DELAY OF MONTH AND A HALF.  
SPECIAL EXPEDITION TO WRANGEL ISLAND NOT PLANNED  
THIS YEAR AND CANNOT BE ORGANIZED DUE TO POLAR NIGHT.  
FEMALE POLAR BEAR OBSERVATION WILL BE  
ASSIGNED TO WORKERS OF WRANGEL ISLAND RESERVE. IF  
IT IS SIGHTED AND STOPPED RADIO COLLAR WILL BE  
TRANSMITTED TO AMERICAN SCIENTISTS.
3. EMBASSY NOT AWARE OF OCTOBER 11 SKOOG-SEROECHOVSKIY  
TELEGRAM. FIRST MESSAGE WE RECEIVED ABOUT POLAR BEAR  
WAS REF B, WHICH WE RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 3 AND  
SENT TO HYDROMET ON SAME DAY. WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE EPA INFORMING SKOOG THAT APPARENT DELAY  
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- IN SEROECHOVSKIY'S RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM WAS  
NOT RESULT OF EMBASSY ACTION, BUT PRESUMABLY DUE  
TO TARDINESS SOMEWHERE WITH SOVIET BUREAUCRACY.
4. KAZAKOV ALSO INFORMED SCICOUNS THAT ACADEMICIAN  
SOKOLOV, HEAD OF THE INSTITUTE OF MORPHOLOGY IN MOSCOW  
HAS ALSO BECOME SEIZED WITH THE POLAR BEAR ISSUE.

KAZAKOV STATED THAT SOKOLOV INTENDS TO WRITE US  
SCIENTISTS DIRECTLY ON THE SUBJECT; HOWEVER, KAZAKOV  
DISCLAIMED ANY SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHAT SOKOLOV  
INTENDS TO PROPOSE IN THIS REGARD. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT  
SOKOLOV DIRECTLY IN ORDER TO SORT OUT TANGLED  
THREADS BEGINNING TO ENTWINE WANDERING POLAR  
BEAR ISSUE.  
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